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November 17, 2005



VIA U.P.S. OVERNIGHT

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: STB Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 251X), Union Pacific Railroad
Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Dane County, WI; STB
~~Docket No. AB 383 (Sub-No. 4X) Wisconsin & Southern Railroad~~
Company - Discontinuance of Service Exemption - In Dane
County, WI; Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company, (Union Pacific), has received a request from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, (WisDOT), on behalf of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, (DNR), for a Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Central Soya Line from M.P. 85.5 in the City of Madison to M.P. 89.9 in the City of Fitchburg, a distance of 4.4 miles in Dane County, Wisconsin. The Union Pacific is willing to negotiate with WisDOT/DNR concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the WisDOT/DNR's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days. A copy of the WisDOT/DNR's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

Office of Proceedings

Enclosures

cc: Allyn Lepeska, Esq.
Tom Cambridge <Via Facsimile 202/565-9004>

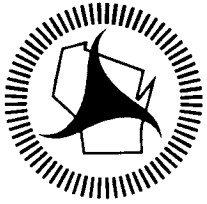
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October 28, 2005

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RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 251X) Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Dane County, WI - STB Docket No. AB 383 (Sub.-No. 4X) Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company - Discontinuance of Service Exemption - in Dane County, WI - Petition for Extension for Notice of Interim Trail Use

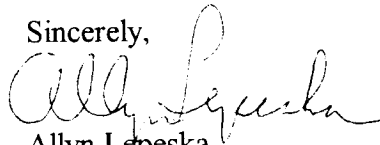
Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Extension for Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use.

Please date stamp and return the duplicate copy of this transmittal letter in the prepaid, return mail envelope for verification of receipt. Thank you.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Mack H. Shumate, Union Pacific, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1920, Chicago, IL 60606 and John D. Heffner, John D. Heffner, PLLC, Suite 800, 1920 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Sincerely,


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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.



BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB-33 (Sub-No. 251X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY -- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

AB-383 (Sub-No. 4X)

WISCONSIN & SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY -- DISCONTINUANCE
OF SERVICE EXEMPTION -- IN
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PETITION FOR EXTENSION FOR
NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

BACKGROUND

On May 2, 2005, the Surface Transportation Board provided notice that the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company have jointly filed a Notice of Exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F for UP to abandon and WSOR to discontinue service over a 4.4-mile line, Harvard Subdivision, known as the Central Soya Line, Harvard Subdivision, between Mile Post 85.5 in the City of Madison and Mile Post 89.9 in the City of Fitchburg, in Dane County, WI.

On April 5, 2005, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the segment of the Central Soya Line, Harvard Subdivision between Mile Post 85.5

Beltline in the City of Madison, Wisconsin and end of track at Mile Post 89.9 in the City of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, a distance of 4.4 miles in Dane County, Wisconsin.

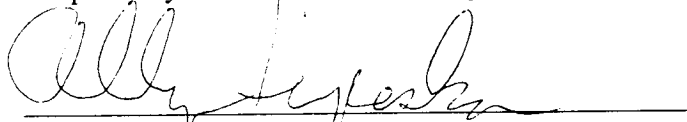
On May 6, 2005, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on behalf of WisDNR filed a request for a notice of interim trail use/rail banking (NITU) under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29. UP indicated its willingness to negotiate with WisDNR for interim trail use. The Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, which was served on May 31, 2005, allowing the City until November 28, 2005 to negotiate a rail banking agreement with UP.

Negotiations are currently continuing in good faith between UP, WSOR and WisDNR. However, more time is needed to finalize negotiations.

MOTION

Therefore, WisDOT respectfully requests that the Board extend the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement for an additional 180 days for the land corridor and related real property, including bridge structures, on a line of railroad known as the Central Soya Line, Harvard Subdivision, between Mile Post 85.5 in the City of Madison and Mile Post 89.9 in the City of Fitchburg, in Dane County, Wisconsin, for interim trail use and rail banking, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 to WisDNR.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of October, 2005,



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